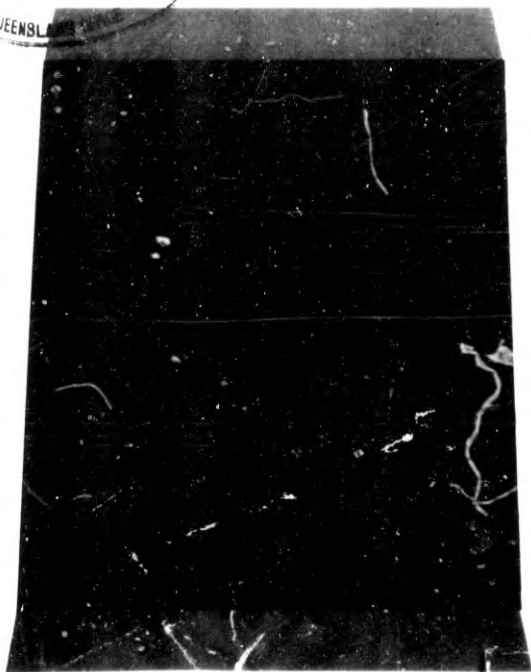
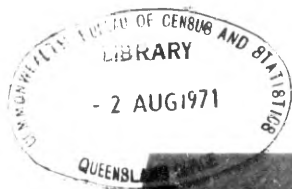


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Values are shown in terms of Australian dollars (\$)

		1959-60	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
<b>Population</b>					
Total population, June	'000	10,275	12,031	12,296	12,552
Population under age 20	%	37.7	37.9	37.8	37.7
Births	'000	229	232	247	252
Natural increase (births-deaths)	"	140	127	139	143
Overseas movement: excess of arrivals over departures	"	79	93	126	113
Permanent and long-term arrivals	"	134	198	237	254
Short-term visitors arriving	"	76	257	332	389
School pupils, August	"	2,052	2,588	2,659	2,720
University students, June	"	53	102	110	117
<b>National product and expenditure</b>					
Gross National Product (GNP)	\$m	13,825	24,318	27,270	30,098
Personal consumption expenditure	"	8,799	14,817	15,888	17,335
Food and drink	"	2,701	4,232	4,436	4,750
Household durables	"	778	1,102	1,189	1,295
Transport	"	1,126	1,998	2,163	2,418
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	3,395	6,493	7,196	7,861
Private	"	2,190	4,150	4,686	5,159
Public authorities and enterprises	"	1,205	2,343	2,510	2,696
Gross farm product (at factor cost)	"	1,590	1,756	2,246	2,087
GNP at 1966-67 prices	"	16,501	23,683	25,662	27,119
GNP per head (at current prices)	\$	1,390	2,039	2,240	2,419
<b>Personal income (aggregate)</b>					
Total	\$m	10,672	18,408	20,577	22,673
Wages, salaries and supplements	"	6,977	12,697	14,029	15,718
Interest and dividends	"	606	1,114	1,199	1,358
Unincorporated enterprises income	"	2,053	2,507	3,074	3,028
Cash benefits from public authorities	"	753	1,323	1,443	1,637
Personal disposable income	"	9,629	16,054	17,843	19,565
<b>Government finance</b>					
Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	3,396	6,794	7,588	8,688
Commonwealth Government taxes	"	2,519	4,953	5,529	6,382
Income tax, persons	"	884	2,175	2,377	2,855
companies	"	456	856	1,033	1,191
Customs and excise duties	"	673	1,167	1,249	1,353
Sales tax	"	328	417	494	569
State and local government taxes	"	523	1,081	1,214	1,342
Total outlay, current and capital (all governments)	"	3,906	8,117	8,649	9,679
Defence	"	368	985	1,018	990
Health and welfare	"	835	1,526	1,673	1,931
Age and invalid pensions	"	294	514	559	642
Education	"	358	876	996	1,158

**Primary production.  
(excluding mining)**

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Net value of production	\$m	2,170	2,558	3,043	2,916
Agriculture	"	584	899	1,213	1,018
Pastoral	"	1,072	1,044	1,195	1,210
Dairying	"	304	371	381	417
Output					
Wheat	m bus	199	277	544	388
Wool	m lb	1,680	1,770	1,948	2,046
Meat	'000 tons	1,426	1,691	1,749	1,909

**Mining production**

Net value of mining production(a)(b)	\$m	252	568	729	
Output					
Metals (metallic content of ore)					
Copper	'000 tons	102	93	121	136
Lead	"	315	369	409	463
Zinc	"	271	393	456	504
Iron	"	2,799	13,057	21,378	27,263
Bauxite (alumina content)	"	3	2,449	3,354	4,340
Black coal	"	21,204	36,759	42,629	47,721
Crude oil	'000 bls	"	11,962	14,063	30,705
Natural gas	mil cu ft	"	161	2,024	27,541

**Factory production**

Net value of factory production(a) (excludes electricity and gas)	\$m	3,989	7,132	7,589	
Metal products, transport equipment, machinery, etc.	"	1,698	3,164	3,250	
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	520	937	1,205	
Textiles, clothing, footwear	"	454	675	706	
Paper and products, printing	"	298	549	660	
Chemicals, petroleum products	"	357	687	639	
Output					
Ingot steel	'000 tons	3,520	6,287	6,599	6,766
Beer	m gal	232	310	326	342
Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars	m lb	51	59	62	66
Cars and station wagons	'000	230	330	342	394
Electricity output	m kWh	23	45	49	54

**Building**

Houses (number completed)	'000	81.6	85.8	91.5	97.5
Flats (number completed)	"	8.4	34.4	39.1	44.7
Value of houses and flats completed	\$m	571	1,023	1,182	1,379
Value of other new buildings completed	"	403	843	955	1,003

(a) Figures for 1968-69 are not comparable with figures for earlier years because of changes in scope, reporting units and data items, and for mining because of a change from a calendar to a fiscal year reporting basis. (b) Mining figures relate to the periods 1959, 1967 and 1968-69.

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**Transport**

Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	2,824	4,345	4,586	4,861
Cars and station wagons, June	"	1,938	3,349	3,551	3,780
Cars and station wagons per 1,000 persons, June	no.	189	278	289	301
New motor vehicles registered	'000	303	464	483	526
Civil aviation (passenger miles)					
Regular internal services	mil	1,133	2,125	2,402	2,803
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"	720	1,970	2,247	2,498

**Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)**

\$m	4,945	7,518	7,932	8,517
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**Employment and unemployment**

Civilian labour force, May—total	'000	n.a.	5,064	5,197	5,386
—males	"	n.a.	3,497	3,580	3,665
—females	"	n.a.	1,567	1,618	1,721
Manufacturing	"	n.a.	1,357	1,384	1,422
Primary production (excl. mining)	"	n.a.	446	442	
Building and construction	"	n.a.	433	454	476
Registered unemployed, June	"	47.2	65.3	54.9	51.5
Registered vacancies, June	"	31.7	28.7	35.0	39.9
Trade union membership, December	"	851	2,151	2,191	2,239
Industrial disputes, working days lost	"	473	1,043	1,780	1,804

**Wages, weekly earnings and hours**

Wage rates index, adult males, June, 1954 = 100		124	164	176	185
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	43.9	64.3	68.9	75.0
Hours (including overtime), adult males, October		n.a.	43.1	43.3	43.6

**Prices**

Consumer price index (6 capital cities)	1966-67 = 100	86	103	106	109
Export price index,	1959-60 = 100	100	100	102	103
Wool price index,	1959-60 = 100	100	95	99	87

**Balance of payments**

Balance on current account	\$m	- 459	- 1,123	- 1,009	- 743
Trade balance (B.O.P. basis)	"	46	- 218	14	410
Balance on invisibles	"	- 505	- 906	- 1,023	- 1,154
Capital account: net apparent capital inflow	"	474	1,202	1,157	780
Overseas investment in Australia	"	451	1,096	1,140	862
Australian investment overseas	"	- 11	- 39	- 53	- 151
Net official monetary movements	"	15	79	148	37

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**Overseas trade**

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	1,875	3,045	3,374	4,132
Total imports, f.o.b.	"	1,854	3,264	3,469	3,881
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	14.4	21.1	24.4	24.7
U.K.	"	26.4	14.0	12.0	11.8
U.S.A.	"	8.1	13.2	14.2	13.5
Percentage of total imports from Japan	"	4.5	10.5	12.0	12.4
U.K.	"	35.6	22.1	21.6	21.8
U.S.A.	"	16.2	25.8	25.4	24.9
Major export commodities, f.o.b.					
Wool (greasy)	\$m	674	646	719	684
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	145	263	271	401
Wheat	"	123	343	258	338
Machinery and transport equipment	"	n.a.	157	182	280
Iron ore and concentrates	"	"	103	180	278
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	10	89	119	172
Sugar	"	53	98	122	116
Major import commodities, f.o.b.					
Machinery (non-electrical)	"	n.a.	586	604	709
Road motor vehicles	"	166	263	283	340
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	200	241	251	254

**Finance**

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$m	3,611	6,087	6,706	7,099
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	3,045	6,222	6,707	7,105
Trading bank advances at June	"	2,211	4,020	4,384	4,903
Finance companies, balances outstanding, June	"	n.a.	2,438	2,817	3,374
Housing advances:					
Savings banks (loans approved to individuals)	"	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	469
Building societies	"	n.a.	260	333	
Commonwealth Government (includes advances to building societies and other institutions—\$45m in 1969-70)	"	161	226	239	263
Life insurance: sum insured on new policies	"	1,450	3,596	4,352	5,361
Net capital raisings of company sector—shares	"	167	174	407	
—debentures, secured loans	"	424	367	481	
Rate on long-term Commonwealth securities, June	% p.a.	5.00	5.25	5.40	7.00

**Notes**

Important components of the principal aggregates are indicated by indentation. Generally, figures are for the period 1 July-30 June; where indicated, they are for a specific month within the period.

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<b>States of Australia (1969-70 figures)</b>		<b>N.S.W.</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld</b>
Area	'000 sq miles	309	88	667
Population (June 1970)	'000	4,567	3,444	1,799
Crops (area sown)(1968-69)	'000 acres	15,570	7,910	5,449
Number of sheep	mil	72.3	33.2	16.4
Number of cattle	"	5.6	4.5	7.5
<b>Output</b>				
Wool (greasy basis)	m lb	750	438	196
Wheat	m bushels	163	84	15
Beef and veal	'000 tons	273	250	310
Mutton and lamb	"	234	278	51
Whole milk	m gal	310	892	191
Copper (content of ore)	'000 tons	15	..	91
Lead (content of ore)	"	286	..	161
Zinc (content of ore)	"	346	..	107
Iron (content of ore)	"	..	..	..
Bauxite (alumina content of ore)	"	4	1	3,048
Coal (brown in Victoria)	"	34,952	23,928	9,363
<b>Value of production (net)</b>				
Rural	\$m	849	754	517
Forestry (local value)	"	37	30	13
Mining (1968-69 figures)	"	223	48	153
Factory (1968-69 figures)	"	3,126	2,575	664
Personal income per head	\$	1,908	1,929	1,609

<b>Capital cities</b>		<b>Sydney</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>Brisbane</b>
Population (June 1970)	'000	2,780	2,425	853
Average annual rainfall	in	47.5	25.8	44.8
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.6	5.7	7.5
<b>Temperature</b>				
January, average maximum	°F	78.2	78.5	84.8
average minimum	"	65.0	56.9	68.9
July, average maximum	"	60.5	55.8	68.4
average minimum	"	46.1	42.1	48.8

**Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for February 1971 (selling rates)**

<b>U.K.</b>	<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
47 new pence	\$U.S. 1.12	400 Yen	\$N.Z. 0.998

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284	241	65	19	3	2,731
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54	188	40	21	1	729
640	367	204	9	15	7,589
1,653	1,744	1,563	included in S.A.	included in N.S.W.	1,822

Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
825	663	151	33	130
20.8	34.9	24.7	60.5	24.7
6.9	7.8	5.6	8.4	7.2
85.4	85.1	70.5	89.9	82.0
61.5	63.6	52.6	77.0	55.0
58.9	62.9	52.5	86.9	51.6
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